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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

Hey, Boomers...

This issue of *STC* sees Sonic fighting for his life in the Arena of Judgement! Yes, the hedgehog who broke through the sound barrier is in deadly danger in the gripping concusion to the Evil Empire!

Robotnik's up to no good again with plans to flood Skegpool's beach with toxic waste - only this time it's down to Tails to head a clean-up campaign!

The Decappers are also in trouble as a mean trio of kidnappers descend on Castle Frank N Stein, and...

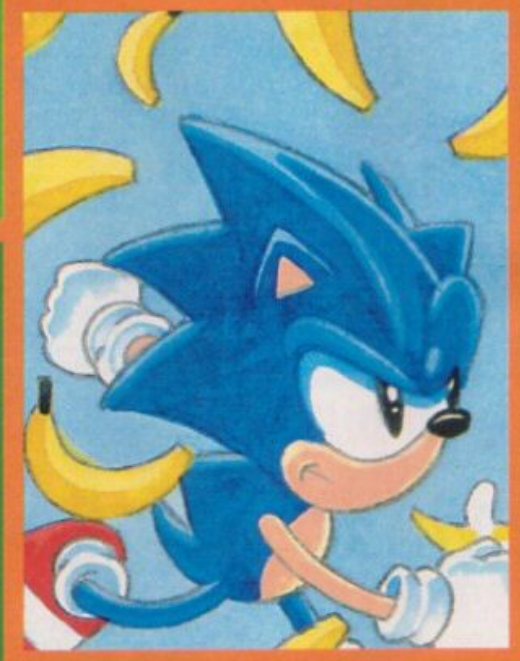
Amy and Tekno try to trace Shortfuse the Cybernik - but will he be happy to see them? As ever complementing your turbo-charged Sega strips is another Badnik Pin-up, plus an Outer Space Graphic Zone starring *your* far-out artwork. So dive right in at supersonic speed and I'll see you in a fortnight...

Megadroid

COMING TO A SHOP NEAR YOU - *STC'S* FRUITFUL ISSUE 112!

I make no apologies for saying this again - thank-you from the bottom of my circuit box to the many, many Boomers who take the time and effort to write to *STC*. Your views are vital to the comic, even if the humes around here are unfortunately unable to send personal replys (do you want us to have a social life? Don't answer that!).

However, proving again that *STC does* take note, your most requested characters in the Sonic and Sega universe are due to line-up in just a fortnight. That is there'll be an extra Sonic story, backed up by everyone's favourite flying fox, Miles Prower - that's Tails to you!



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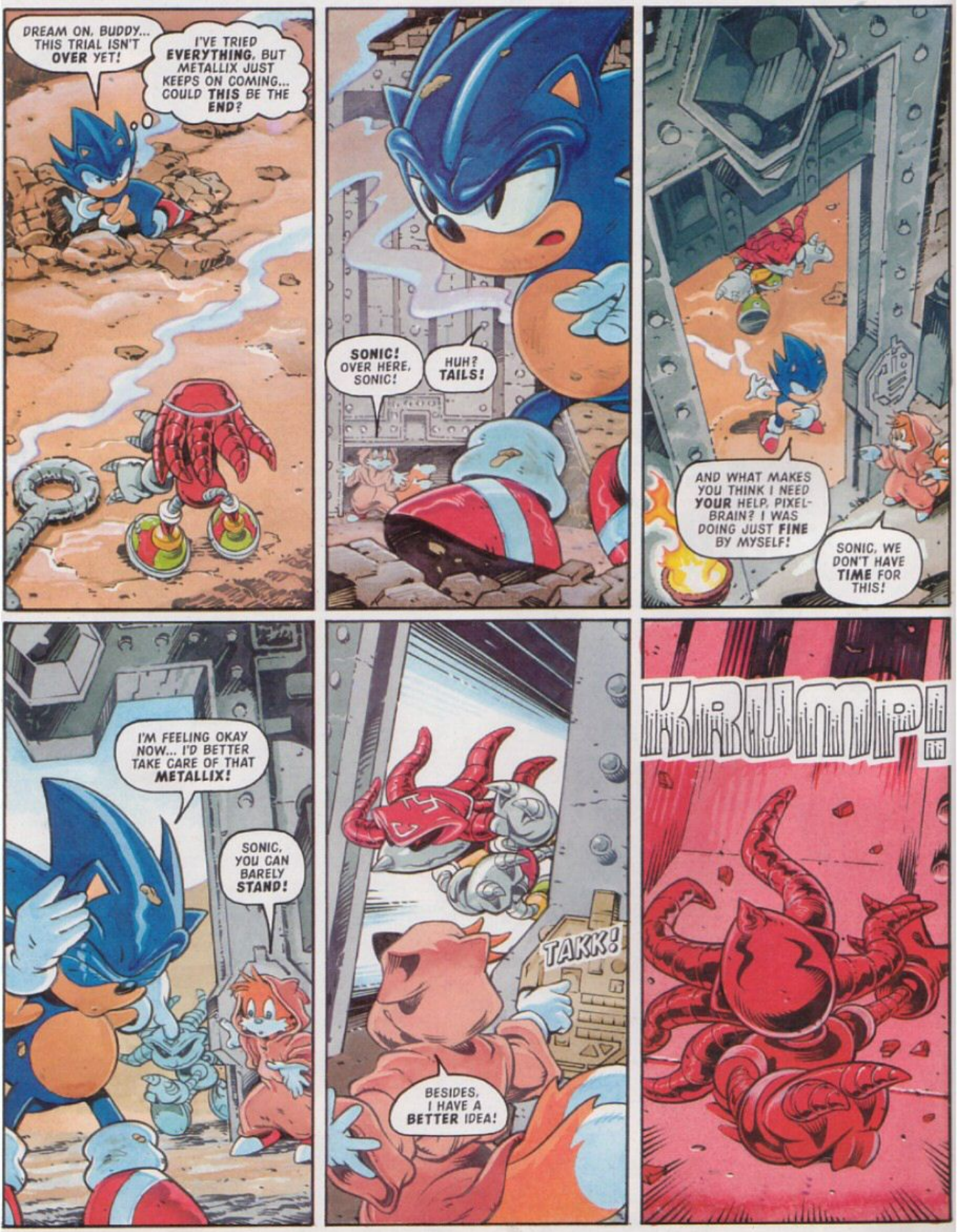
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
THE EVIL EMPIRE
Part 4
ON THE DRAKON EMPIRE HOMEWORLD, TAILS IS FACING HIS GREATEST CHALLENGE.
THERE IT IS.. THE ARENA OF JUDGEMENT... THE PLACE WHERE SONIC IS UNDERGOING HIS SO-CALLED TRIAL!
A SENTINEL GUARDING THE MAIN ENTRANCE!
THOSE CHARACTERS ARE REALLY TOUGH!
BUT I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING... SONIC NEEDS MY HELP!
SONIC IS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE IN THERE...

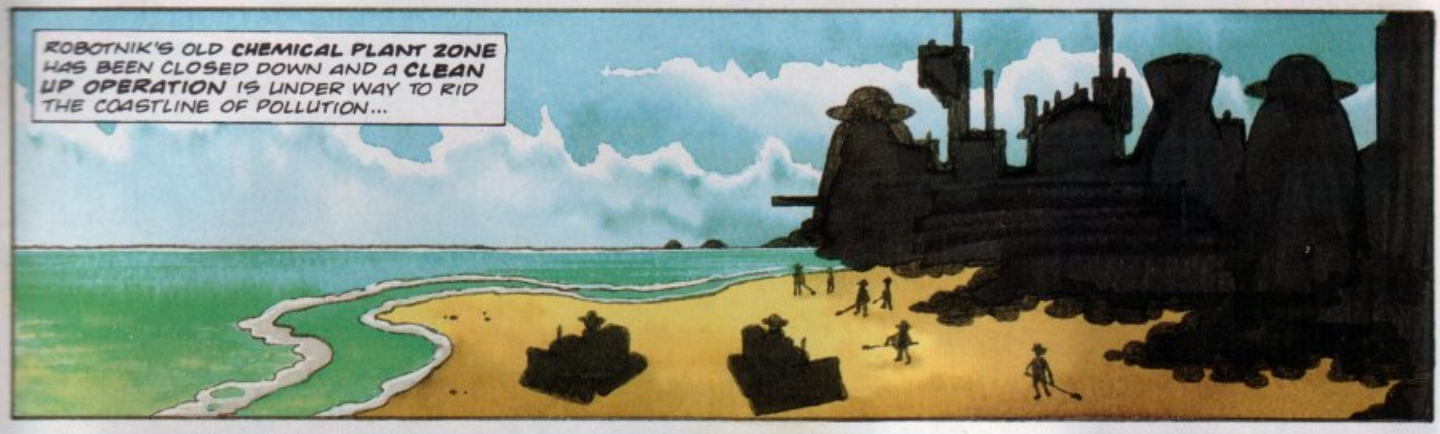
I HOPE HE'S ALL RIGHT!
YOU HAVE CONDUCTED YOUR DEFENCE WELL, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
BUT NOW YOU MUST ACCEPT YOUR GUILT... NOW IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO BE SENTENCED!
KRUNK!


DREAM ON, BUDDY... THIS TRIAL ISN'T OVER YET!
I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING, BUT METALLIX JUST KEEPS ON COMING... COULD THIS BE THE END?
SONIC! OVER HERE, SONIC!
HUH? TAILS!
AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I NEED YOUR HELP, PIXEL-BRAIN? I WAS DOING JUST FINE BY MYSELF!
SONIC, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
I'M FEELING OKAY NOW... I'D BETTER TAKE CARE OF THAT METALLIX!
SONIC, YOU CAN BARELY STAND!
TAKK!
BESIDES, I HAVE A BETTER IDEA!
KRUMP!!!

DID YOU TAKE OUT THAT SENTINEL?
SURE! I'M A LOT TOUGHER THAN SOME PEOPLE THINK!
YOU REALISE, OF COURSE, I'D HAVE FOUND A WAY TO BEAT METALLIX... EVEN WITHOUT YOUR HELP!
YOU'RE THE HERO, SONIC. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT!
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS MY CHANCE TO PROVE IT. WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET!
A PROSECUTOR!
STOP, YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND!
SHRAAAK!
I UNDERSTAND PLENTY, CREEP!
WAK!
KRUNKK!

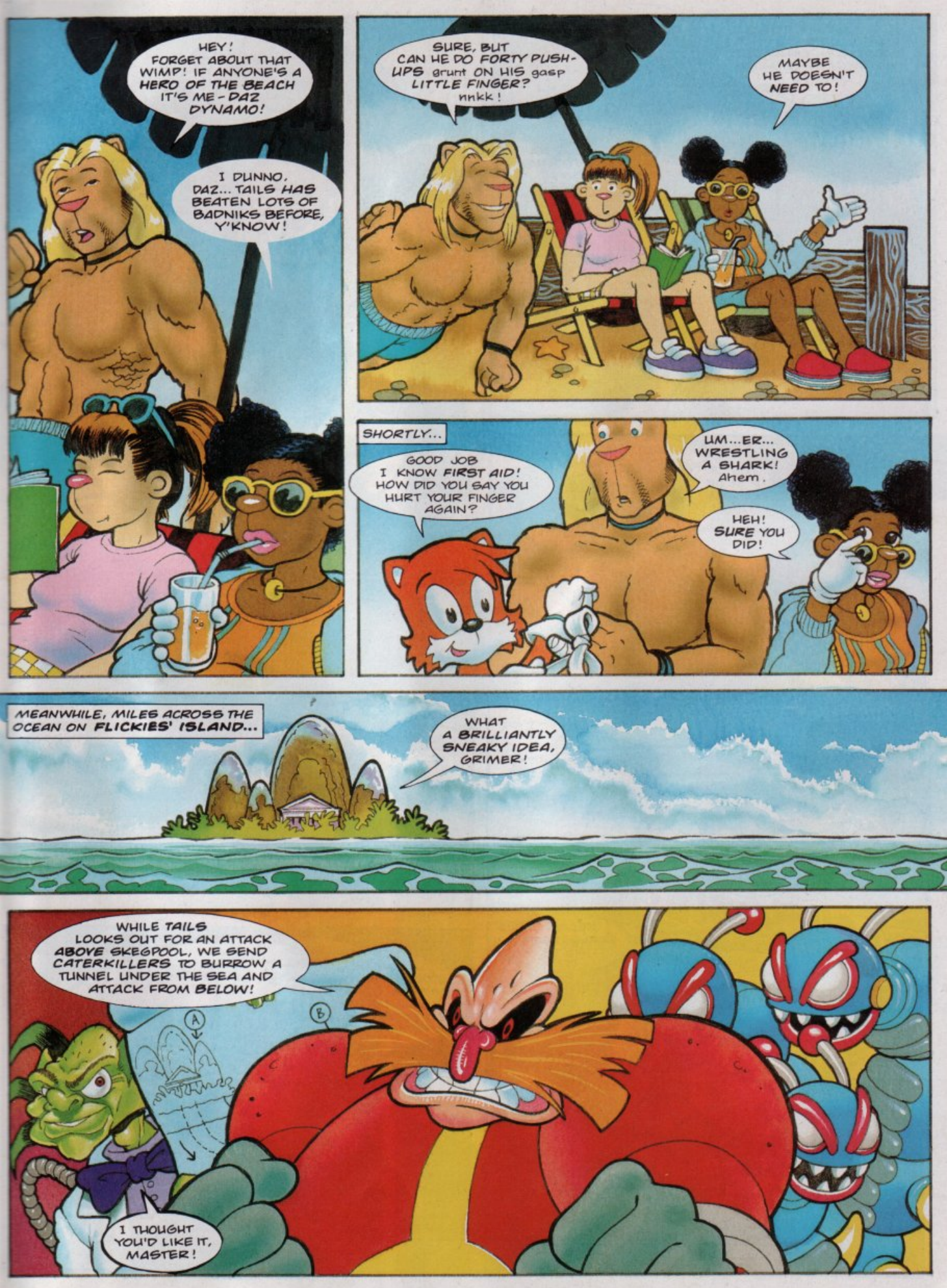
KRAKK!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?
HE'S SOME KIND OF WEIRD FISH... HIS BODY WAS ROBOTIC!
THAT IS CORRECT. MY RACE COME FROM THE SEA!
USING OUR SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED THESE ROBOT BODIES TO HELP US FUNCTION ON DRY LAND!
SONIC, LOOK... MORE PROSECUTORS!
YEAH, AND LOOK WHO'S WITH THEM!
THERE HE IS! GET HIM! DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

GET READY, TAILS!
HOLD! STOP THE ATTACK!
WHAT? NO, SONIC MUST BE DESTROYED!
THE ACCUSED WON HIS TRIAL BY COMBAT! THE LAW IS CLEAR!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS INNOCENT OF ALL CHARGES!
BUT, BUT HE WAS HELPED! I DEMAND A RE-TRIAL!
DO NOT QUESTION ME, ROBOTNIK... YOU FORGET WHO IS THE POWER HERE!
THIS PROSECUTOR WILL SEE YOU SAFELY BACK TO MOBIUS, SONIC!
OKAY, PAL, WE'RE GOING — BUT DON'T FORGET AS LONG AS YOU SUPPORT ROBOTNIK YOU'RE MY ENEMY!
IN OTHER WORDS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THIS HEDGEHOG!
NEXT ISSUE:
NO FUTURE!

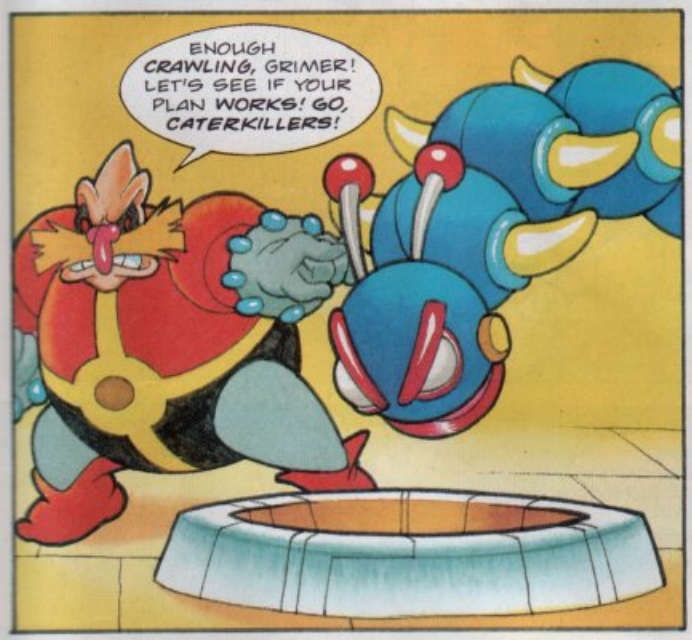

ROBOTNIK'S OLD CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE HAS BEEN CLOSED DOWN AND A CLEAN UP OPERATION IS UNDER WAY TO RID THE COASTLINE OF POLLUTION...

NEARBY, THE NEW HOLIDAY RESORT OF SKEGPOOL ATTRACTS VISITORS TO ITS BEACH. A FEW VENTURE INTO THE SEA, WEARING PROTECTO-COSSIES TO SHIELD THEM FROM TRACES OF REMAINING TOXIC GUNK...
tails
NEW COMPLETE STORY!
Hero of the Beach
Script: LEW STRINGER B & W art: ANDY PRITCHETT
COLOUR: JOHN M BURNS Lettering: ELITTA FELL

TAILS PATROLS THE SKIES OVER THE RESORT, IN CASE OF ANY BADNIK ATTACKS FROM THE NEARBY FLICKIE S' ISLAND!
YAY! TAILS IS OUR HERO!


HEY! FORGET ABOUT THAT WIMP! IF ANYONE'S A HERO OF THE BEACH IT'S ME - DAZ DYNAMO!
I DUNNO, DAZ... TAILS HAS BEATEN LOTS OF BADNIKS BEFORE, Y'KNOW!
SURE, BUT CAN HE DO FORTY PUSH-UPS grunt ON HIS gasp LITTLE FINGER? nnkk!
MAYBE HE DOESN'T NEED TO!
SHORTLY...
GOOD JOB I KNOW FIRST AID! HOW DID YOU SAY YOU HURT YOUR FINGER AGAIN?
UM...ER... WRESTLING A SHARK! Ahem.
HEH! SURE YOU DID!
MEANWHILE, MILES ACROSS THE OCEAN ON FLICKIES' ISLAND...
WHAT A BRILLIANTLY SNEAKY IDEA, GRIMER!
WHILE TAILS LOOKS OUT FOR AN ATTACK ABOVE SKEGPOOL, WE SEND CATERKILLERS TO BURROW A TUNNEL UNDER THE SEA AND ATTACK FROM BELOW!
A
B
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT, MASTER!

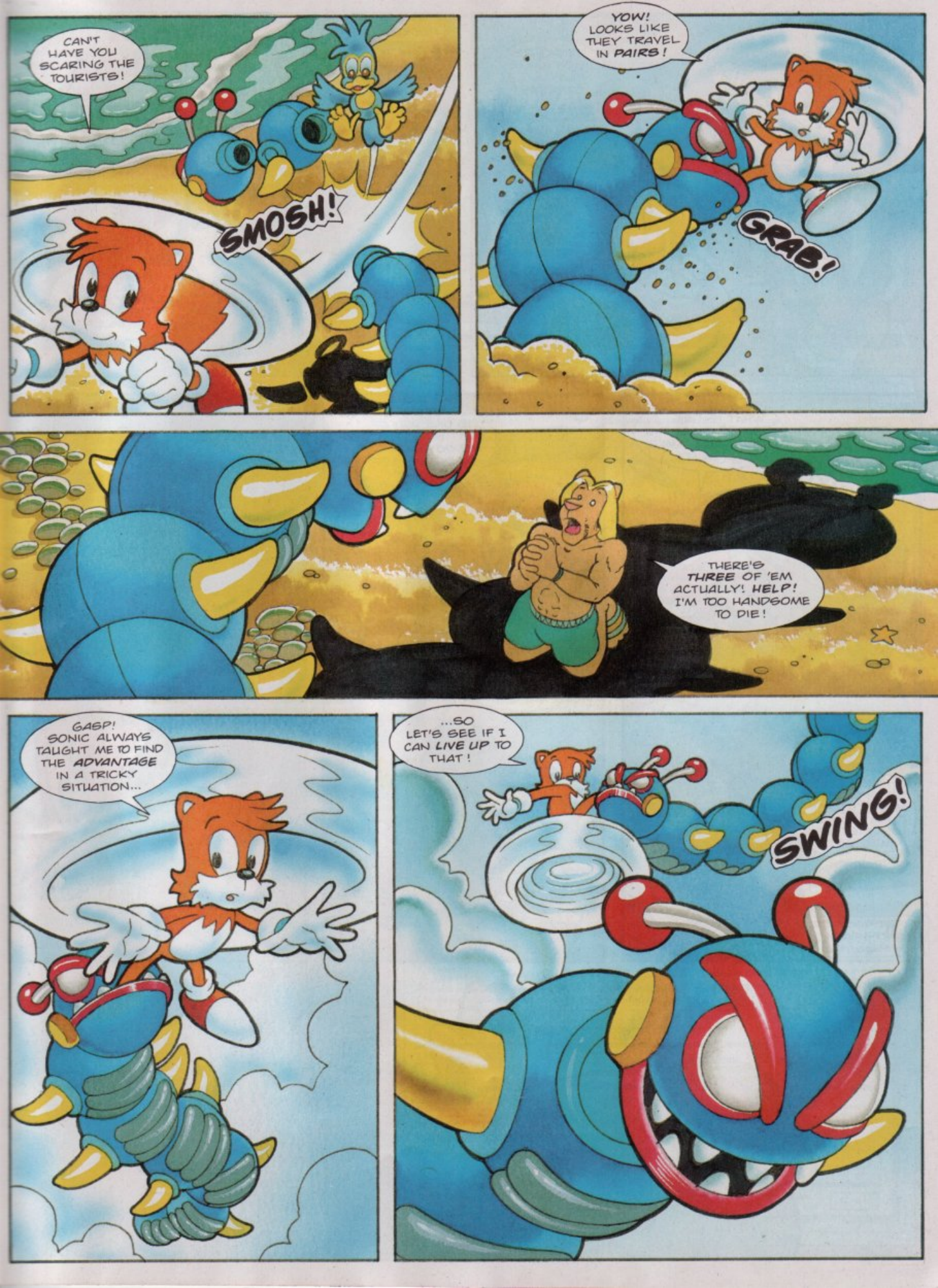
IT'S SNEAKY, UNDERHANDED AND EVIL! OF COURSE I LIKE IT!
I OWE IT ALL TO YOUR INSPIRATION, SIR!


ENOUGH CRAWLING, GRIMER! LET'S SEE IF YOUR PLAN WORKS! GO, CATERKILLERS!

SOON, IN SKEGPOOL...
RRUMMBLE!
OOER! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
RELAX, GIRLS! I CAN HANDLE IT!

HELLPP! MUMMEE!
BWOFF!
SOME HERO HE IS!

A SNEAK ATTACK! JUST THE SORT OF THING I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED FROM ROBOTNIK!


CAN'T HAVE YOU SCARING THE TOURISTS!
SMOSH!
YOW! LOOKS LIKE THEY TRAVEL IN PAIRS!
GRAB!
THERE'S THREE OF 'EM ACTUALLY! HELP! I'M TOO HANDSOME TO DIE!
GASP! SONIC ALWAYS TAUGHT ME TO FIND THE ADVANTAGE IN A TRICKY SITUATION...
...SO LET'S SEE IF I CAN LIVE UP TO THAT!
SWING!

KABOSHH!
WICKED! JUST LIKE PLAYING CONKERS!
FLICKIE'S ISLAND...
ULP! I'M REGISTERING ALL THREE CATERKILLERS DESTROYED, SIR!
SO WHAT? WE CAN SEND PLENTY MORE DOWN THE TUNNEL!
BUT—
GUSHH!
AGGH! WHAT IS THIS STUFF? CLOSE THE TUNNEL, GRIMER! CLOSE IT!
EEK! I HOPE YOU WON'T "HOLE" D THIS FAILURE AGAINST ME, MASTER!*
* WORST PUN IN THE HISTORY OF COMICS — Megadroid.
THIS IS ONE WAY OF GETTING RID OF THE TOXIC GUNK THAT ROBOTNIK LEFT HERE!
YO, TAILS! YOU'RE AN OKAY DUDE!
THANKS, DAZ! I'LL BET ROBOTNIK'S NOT GUSHING WITH PRAISE FOR ME RIGHT NOW THOUGH!
GAHH!
The End.

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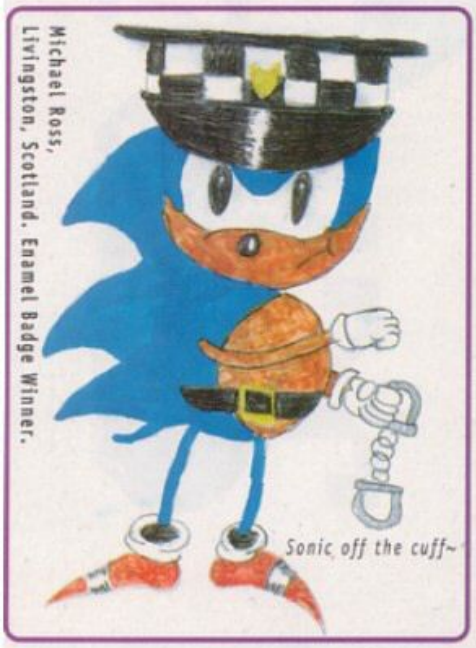
COOL RECEPTION!

Dear *STC*,

As the comic is made up of great stories and brilliant artwork, I was delighted to discover that these contents were going to be printed entirely on recycled paper from issue 108. Guaranteed to make Doctor Robotnik blow his environmentally unfriendly big head! Incidentally, I hope that you keep on printing the Tails stories because they are my favourite.

Robert McKeon, Prosperous, Co Kildare, Rep of Ireland.
Enamel Badge Winner.

What a silver tongued young hume you are Robert, and for that, you get yourself a Badge.



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TURN OFF!

Dear Megadroid,

I noticed that in most Sega games the females are wearing hardly anything. Why? Not all gamers like me enjoy seeing half nude images of women dancing about the screen!

Aaron Hayden, Malvern, Worcs.
GG, MD & MS owner.
Enamel Badge Winner.

Absolutely Aaron, if I had my way, all of the hume characters would be decked out in iron-cladding, just like me. Alternatively, perhaps a few clothes designers should be hired!

RUSTY RUSE!

Megadroid,

This is Doctor Robotnik, ruler of Mobius telling you that you are a mere rustbucket compared to my super troopers! It is useless to resist me as I have Badnik strike forces surrounding your planet. However, I might consider going away if you make arrangements for me to star in my own comic.

Ruthless Dictator, name & address not supplied.
Enamel Badge Winner.

Really, I'm surprised you would waste your time writing to a, what was it... "a mere rustbucket!"

Decap Attack

THE MALTESE BUDGIES

NEW COMPLETE STORY!

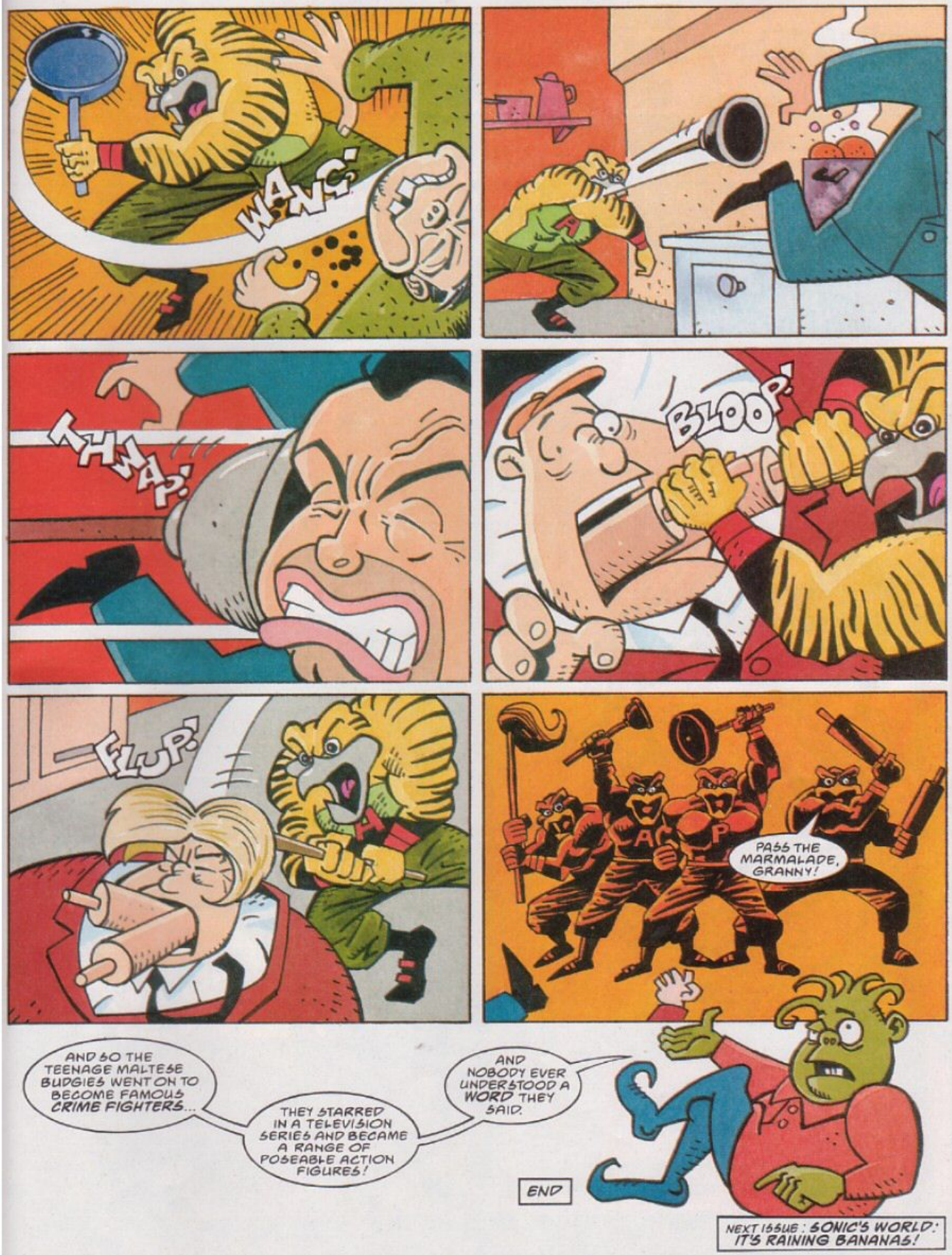
Script: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYNER Art: NIGEL KITCHING Lettering: ELLIE de'VILLE

IT'S JUST BEFORE DINNER TIME AND THREE DODGY CHARACTERS APPROACH CASTLE FRANK N STEIN...
BOSS, NOT THIS PLACE! IT'S SCARY!
THE COPS ARE HOT ON OUR TRAIL, MEEK! WE NEED A HIDE-OUT IN A HURRY... IT'S GONNA HAVE TO DO!
BUT ROCKY, LOOK AT THE PLACE...I BET IT'S FULL OF MAD PROFESSORS, WEIRD TWO-HEADED MONSTERS AND CRAZY GREEN DWARVES!
NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING SILLY...
IN THE CASTLE...
HEAR ANYTHING, IGOR?
NOPE...
BOY, I HATE IT WHEN THE PROFESSOR TRIES TO COOK...
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT STRANGE RUMBLING SOUND?

RUMBBBLE
AGGGH!
I'VE DONE IT! I'VE DONE IT!
VITH MINE GIANT FRUIT AND VEGETABLES I CAN FEED DER VORLD! IT IST DER END OF VORLD HUNGER! HA-HAHAHA!
YECCCCH!
THIS IS DISGUSTING! YOU'LL CURE WORLD HUNGER ALL RIGHT, IF PEOPLE EAT THIS THEY'LL DIE OF POISONING!
THAT'S DER TROUBLE WITH YOU, CHUCK, YOU ALWAYS LOOK ON DER BLACK SIDE!
OKAY, YOU MUGS! UP AGAINST THE WALL WITH YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR!
YOU HEARD ROCKY, UP AGAINST YER HANDS WITH THE WALL IN... HANG ON... GET YOUR MUGS IN THE AIR AND...
SHUT IT, MOOSE!

OKAY, WE'RE GOIN' TO BE STAYING WITH YOU CLOWNS 'TIL THE HEAT DIES DOWN, SEE?
HOLD UP! I RECOGNISE THOSE BIRDS...
"THEY'RE THE MALTESE BUDGIES!"
You'll never get the stain out of that, Mother!
ARISTOTLE
Not the mango again!
SOCRATES
Try the blue one.
ARCHIMEDES
PYTHAGORAS
That's the wrong way, Mr Turpentine!
IT'S BEEN IN ALL THE PAPERS! SOMEONE KIDNAPPED THESE PRICELESS BIRDS AND HAS DEMANDED A MILLION POUND RANSOM!
THAT'S RIGHT, SMART GUY!
AND TODAY THE COPS NEARLY CAUGHT US... SO NOW WE'RE HIDING OUT HERE, SEE?
RMMMMBLE
HEY, WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
NEIN, IT'S MY TURNIPS... I LEFT THEM SIMMERING!
OH NO!
HAH! SO YER VEG IS GONNA BE A BIT MUSHY, SO WHAT?
YAAAAA!

QUICK, GRAB THE BIRDS!
sorry, vicar, I thought it was a biscuit!
MOMENTS LATER IN THE KITCHEN.
OKAY, IGOR, WE'VE GOT THE BIRDS! QUICK, WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
PLAN? I NEVER SAID I HAD A PLAN!
VAIT! I HAFF EIN IDEA!
THIS IST MEIN SECRET VEGETABLE GROWTH FORMULA... IGOR, OPEN THAT BUDGIE'S BEAK!
GET ON WITH IT, YOU MUG... SMASH THAT DOOR DOWN!
HOLD IT, BOSS, THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON IN THERE...
THAT MIXTURE LOOKS TOO RUNNY, IF YOU ASK ME!
YOU'VE SHARPENED THE WRONG END AGAIN!


WANG!
THWAP!
BLOOP!
FLUP!
PASS THE MARMALADE, GRANNY!
AND SO THE TEENAGE MALTESE BUDGIES WENT ON TO BECOME FAMOUS CRIME FIGHTERS...
THEY STARRED IN A TELEVISION SERIES AND BECAME A RANGE OF POSEABLE ACTION FIGURES!
AND NOBODY EVER UNDERSTOOD A WORD THEY SAID.
END
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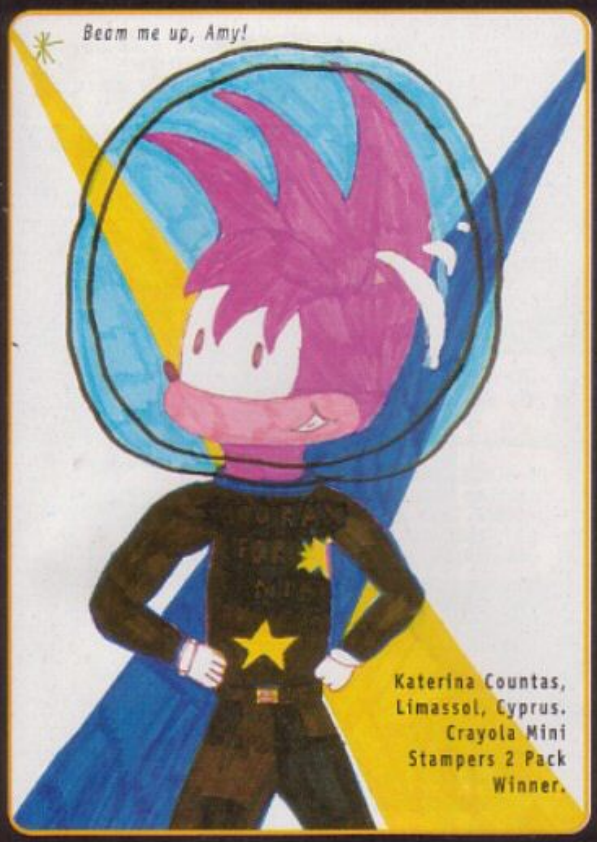

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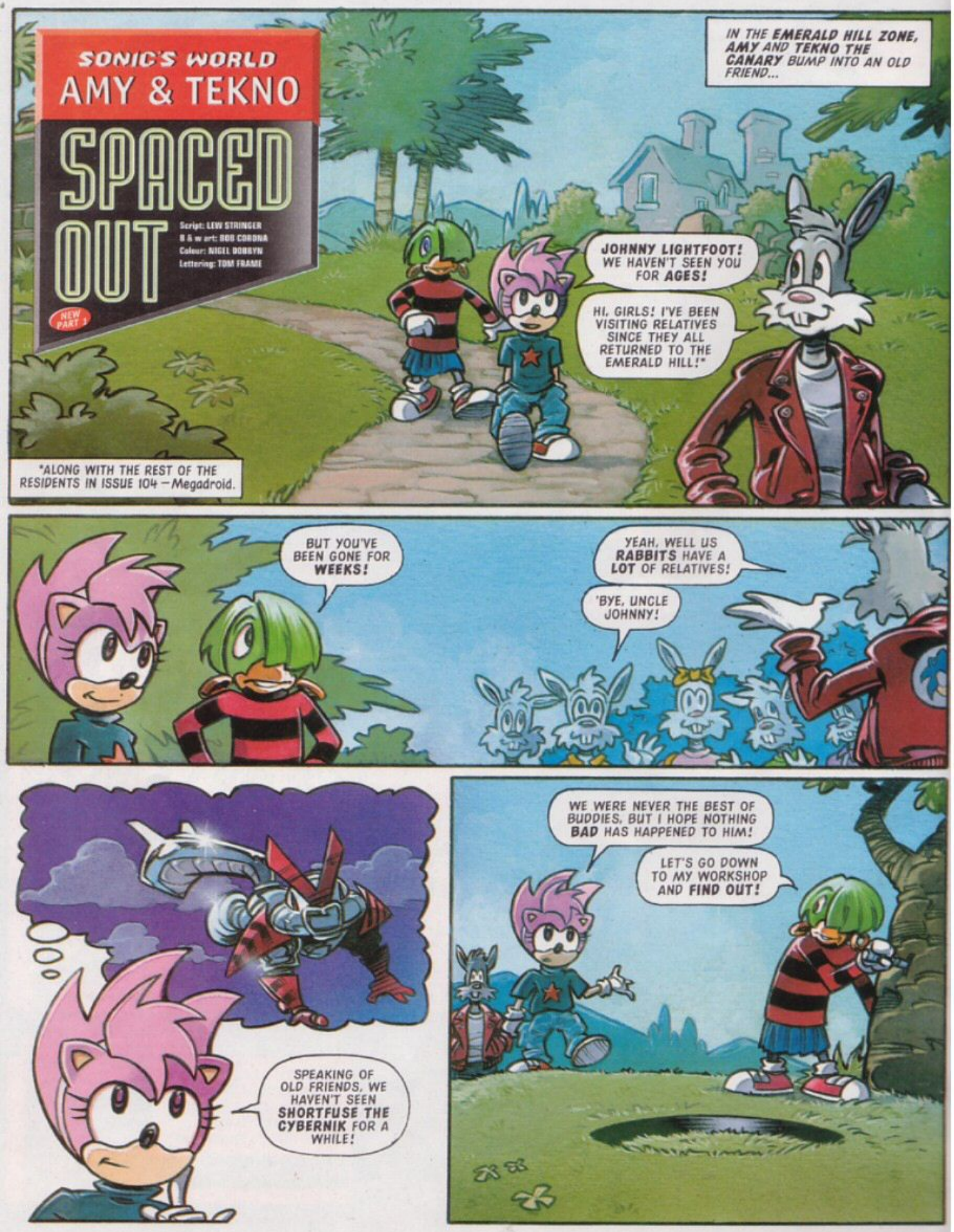
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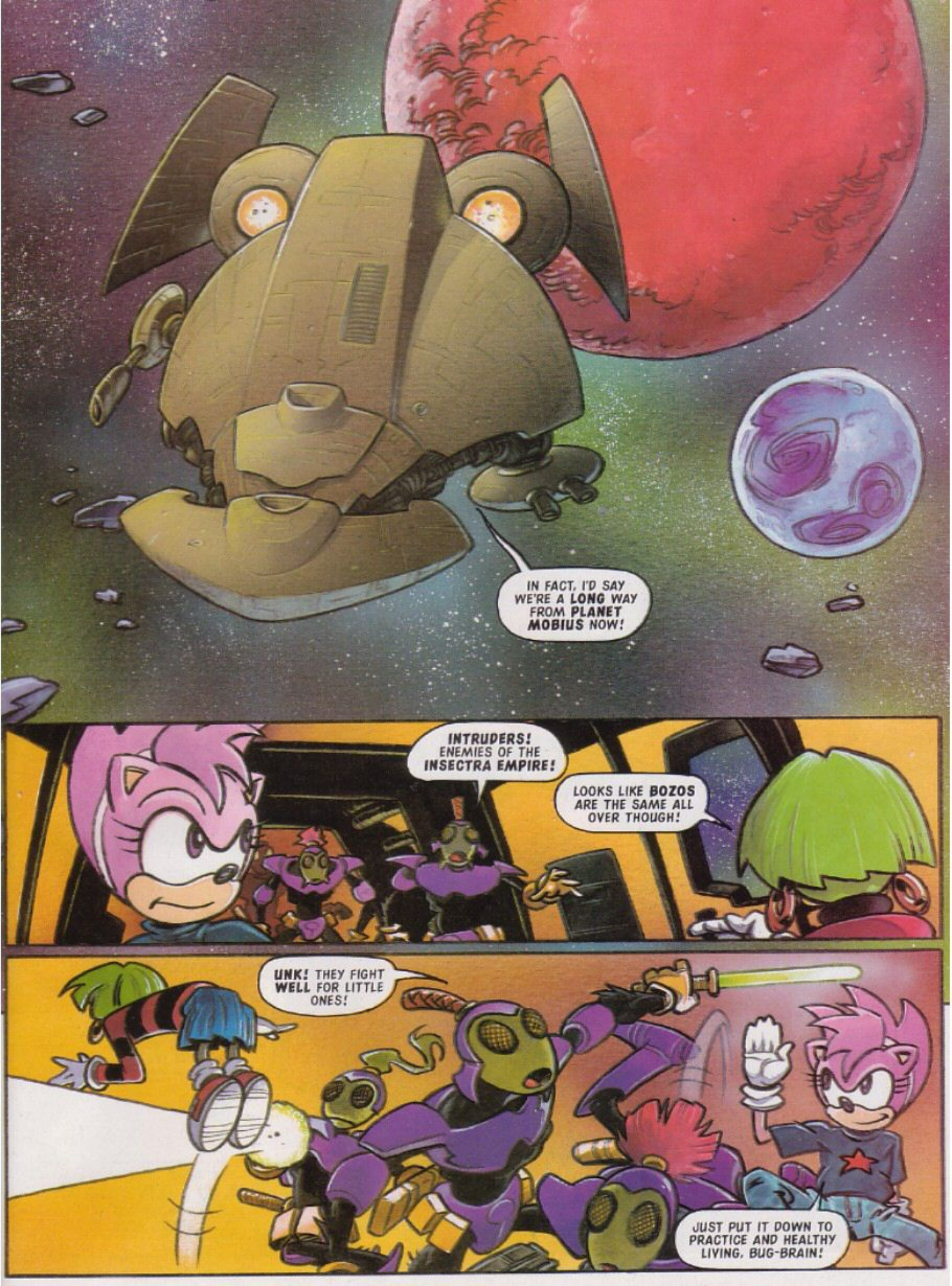
NEW PART 3
IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE, AMY AND TEKNO THE CANARY BUMP INTO AN OLD FRIEND...
JOHNNY LIGHTFOOT! WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR AGES!
HI, GIRLS! I'VE BEEN VISITING RELATIVES SINCE THEY ALL RETURNED TO THE EMERALD HILL!*
*ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE RESIDENTS IN ISSUE 104 – Megadroid.
BUT YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR WEEKS!
YEAH, WELL US RABBITS HAVE A LOT OF RELATIVES!
'BYE, UNCLE JOHNNY!
SPEAKING OF OLD FRIENDS, WE HAVEN'T SEEN SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK FOR A WHILE!
WE WERE NEVER THE BEST OF BUDDIES, BUT I HOPE NOTHING BAD HAS HAPPENED TO HIM!
LET'S GO DOWN TO MY WORKSHOP AND FIND OUT!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHORTFUSE IS THEN, TEKNO?
NOT YET, BUT I'VE INVENTED A MACHINE TO SHOW US! THIS WAY!
WOW! THAT IS A SERIOUS PIECE OF KIT! I'M IMPRESSED!
ER, JOHNNY...
...ACTUALLY, THAT'S JUST MY NEW WIDE SCREEN TV! THIS IS THE MACHINE I WAS TALKING ABOUT!
OH, RIGHT.
IF I KEY IN THE FREQUENCIES OF THE CIRCUITS IN SHORTFUSE'S ARMOUR, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE HIM!
SO IT'S A BIT LIKE TUNING IN TO A NEW TV CHANNEL, YEAH?

EXACTLY! LOOK! THERE'S A HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF HIM COMING INTO FOCUS!
HE LOOKS OKAY, BUT WHAT'S THAT... THING STUCK ON HIS ARMOUR?
SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HANG ON, TEKNO! I'LL HELP YOU!
STAY COOL, DUDES! I'LL CUT THE POWER!
SSKRRAKKLE!
WE'RE FADING AWAY... BEING TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION!
...AND I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PACK A TOOTH-BRUSH!
I'M TOO LATE! THEY'RE GONE!
THOSE GIRLS GET ALL THE BEST ADVENTURES JUST LATELY!
ELSEWHERE...
IT'S OKAY! WE'RE BECOMING SOLID AGAIN!
COOL. BUT WE'RE NOT IN YOUR WORKSHOP ANY MORE!


IN FACT, I'D SAY WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM PLANET MOBIUS NOW!
INTRUDERS! ENEMIES OF THE INSECTRA EMPIRE!
LOOKS LIKE BOZOS ARE THE SAME ALL OVER THOUGH!
UNK! THEY FIGHT WELL FOR LITTLE ONES!
JUST PUT IT DOWN TO PRACTICE AND HEALTHY LIVING, BUG-BRAIN!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
LET THEM GO! THE DESTROYER WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM!
ULP! SOUNDS NASTY!
SHORTFUSE! ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU!
THOSE GOONS ARE SENDING SOMETHING CALLED THE DESTROYER AFTER US! CAN YOU HANDLE IT?
YOU FOOLS! I AM THE DESTROYER!
KRUNGGG!
HEY! WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU, SHORTY?
I'VE CHANGED! IT'S NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY CYBERNIK!
I'M A BAD GUY NOW... AND I LIKE IT!
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